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PUBLICATION OF TOWARDS FREEDOM PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review committee has been set up to look into the matter of publication of two volumes of 'Towards freedom';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the work on this old project is likely to be completed; and

(d) the reasons for the withdrawal of the said books? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (d): The ICHR has requested the publisher, theOxford University Press, to temporarilywithhold the work of publication of the two volumes written by Prof. Sumit Sarkar and Prof. K N Panikkar.Typescripts of these volumes have been requested for perusal. The Council has stated that the purpose is to ensure that the lapses and drawbacks found in an earlier volumes are not repeated. As per the agreement executed between the ICHR and the publisher, the copyrightand all accompanying legal responsibilities rest with the ICHR.The Council in its meeting on 20.12.1999 decided thatthe volumes still to be published should not be sent for publication without having been reviewed by the Council.